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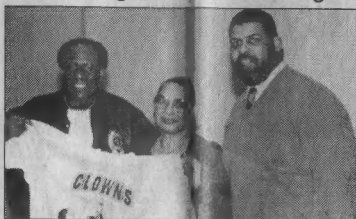
**Dinkins on Rudy: Playing
politics in crown heights**NEW YORK (AP)—The mayor
and the ex-mayor are biffing again—
his time over something that happened
seven years ago.Former mayor David Dinkins,
stung by successor Rudolph Giuliani's
charge that he allowed black rioters in
Crown Heights to "vent" rather than
sending in police, said the current
administration was playing to Jewish
voters with its comments."I don't know whether this is personal,
but it's sure as hell political,"
Dinkins said from Charleston, S.C. "It's
a shame, it's sad, that the mayor
would do this in order to further his own
ends."The bickering came as the city dis-
cussed a settlement in a 1992 civil law-
suit filed by the Crown Heights Ortho-
dox Jewish community and the family of
a Hasidic student killed during the violence.**Man admits bribing Newark
school board employee**NEWARK (AP)—An Atlantic
City man has admitted bribing a
Newark school board employee to
obtain a lucrative contract for his com-
pany.Edward Richardson, 49, told Super-
ior Court Judge Donald Volkert Jr. in
Newark Thursday that he made a pay-
ment of more than \$200 to the worker to
late 1992 and another payment of
\$4,500 in the fall of 1993, when he was
an account executive with Honeywell, Inc."We have a particular interest in
examining allegations of fraud and cor-
ruption in Newark, and the Newark
Board of Education, where substantial
amounts of money are spent each year,"
said Andrew Rosner, chief of the offi-
cial corruption and anti-racketeering in the
state Division of Criminal Justice.**NAACP wins East Haven
lawsuit**NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP)—A
federal judge has ordered the town of
East Haven to reform its hiring practices
and give blacks more opportunities at
municipal and school jobs.In this ruling Thursday, U.S. District
Court Judge Peter C. Dorsey stopped
short of saying the town had discrimi-
nated against minorities. But he wrote:
"An employer need not hang out a
shingles only sign to discriminate back
alleges."Dorsey pointed to the small number
of blacks who have held jobs with the
town and school board over the years
as evidence of unintentional discrimina-
tion. The way an employer handles
applications or advertises job openings
can send a subliminal message, he said.**No accounting for money
spent by Symphony Hall**NEWARK—After a financial study
of Newark's Symphony Hall, auditors
cannot account for \$75,000 and have
made demands that additional records
be submitted to detail how the money
was used.The City Council, which is investi-
gating the theater's finances, threatened
to call in state and federal prosecutors if
additional information is not submitted.
"We're obligated to do that if there is
any impropriety there," said Council-
man-at-large Donald Tucker, who led
over the investigation. "We may
have to bring them in anyhow."**What taxpayers don't know
means more money out of
their pocket**EAST ORANGE—What East
Orange residents didn't know when for-
mer mayor Cuddeback Cooper submitted
his budget for fiscal year 1998 was that
the city was facing a \$10 to \$15 million
deficit that was not accounted for in the
budget.Although help in the form of a
lease-purchase plan between the Essex
County Improvement Authority and the
city's water commission resulted in a
\$24 million loan to plug the hole, tax-
payer can expect to pay on average an
additional \$26.25 increase over the
1996-97 tax bill.

Women played in the Negro baseball League

By Avery Grant

WEST LONG BRANCH—
Believe it or not black women played
in the famous Negro Baseball League.
Mamie Johnson Goodman told no
audience that at Monmouth University,
West Long Branch, where she was
being honored during Women's History
Month."Peanuts," as she was affectionately
called was 5-foot-2-inches tall and
weighed 118 pounds when she signed
with the Indianapolis Clowns in 1953.
There were only three of us and
we all played for the Clowns," she said.
"I was a pitcher, and Connie Morgan
and Toni Stone alternated at second
base." She said that her first game was
somewhere in Virginia, and she won
the game even though she only pitched

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Mamie "Peanuts" Johnson Goodman, who played in the Negro Baseball League, holds a T-shirt with her in the uniform of her team, The Indianapolis Clowns. On the left is her son, Ravinett Parrow, and on the right is Kevin Banks, Dean of Student Life at Monmouth University. Goodman spoke at the school for Women's History Month.

Paul Robeson: Athlete & patriot

By Soey Kimble-Ellis

He made an impact in the civil
rights movement long before Medgar
Evers and Dr. Martin Luther King.
The only black player on Rutgers Uni-
versity football team, he set a path for
athletes like Emmitt Smith and Dion
Sanders who now have big pay days and
can play in any football stadium across
the country.These days, there are African-
American vocalists who can sing in just
about any concert hall they'd like, and
who have the support of their record
companies to promote their records. For
Paul Robeson, a renowned singer, schol-
ar, actor, football All-American, and
civil rights activist, those luxuries were
always the case.Throughout his career, Robeson
was responsible for breaking several
color barriers. One of his black students
at Rutgers University, he was the first
Black to play on the All-American foot-
ball team in 1917 and 1918 and was his
graduating class' valedictorian in 1919.As a dramatic actor and singer,
Robeson gained national attention when
he appeared in the now-classic plays in
1924 and 1925, "All God's Children Got
Wings" and "The Emperor Jones." He is
known for his rendition of "Old Man
River," a song written specifically for him.
Although Shakespeare's "Othello" has
been performed by hundreds of actors,
Robeson's performance in the London
production in 1930 is the definitive one.As people across the country honor
the 100th anniversary of his birth on
April 9, 1898, it is a time to reflect on his
accomplishments and contributions to
the arts and to society at large. Robe-
son's son, Paul Robeson, Jr., remembers
a man whose accomplishments were not
by accident.In honor of the 100th anniversary of
his birth, the New York Historical Society
will showcase an exhibit which will
run through July 12. The show, which is
the largest exhibition of Robeson mem-
orabilia, includes manuscripts, diaries,
unpublished photographs, programs,
recordings, posters, costumes and scul-
pture. When the show closes, it will tour
throughout the United States and over-
seas.This exhibit and others like it across
the country says quite a bit about the tal-
ents and contributions of a man who
was once shunned by his country. "For
the longest time," says Robeson, Jr.,
"people tried to paint him as a self-

Paul Robeson was the first black to play on Rutgers University's football team. Later in life, as part of his civil rights work, he plotted in 1949 at the White House against discrimination in the Bureau of Engraving.

destructive person. They tried to down-
play his art, strengths and accomplish-
ments."Many of these problems began in
the 1930s when Robeson started his
work as a political activist. While living
in London, he criticized the nation that
was taking place in the United States.
He also spoke out against the African
struggle against European colonialism
and expressed sympathy for people in
the Soviet Union. This caused the FBI to
keep a close watch of his activities. Dur-
ing this time, the United States felt that
Robeson's comments about the treat-
ment of Blacks shouldn't be aired in for-
eign countries and that his travels to for-
eign countries would be harmful to theinterests of the United States. As a
result, his passport was taken away.
Robeson's passport was revoked
because of his political views, he was
debarred of work on Broadway and in
Hollywood and he was blacklisted by
the recording industry. Ironically, Paul
Robeson was recently honored with a
Lifetime Achievement Award at the
Grammy Awards in February.After returning back to London in
1938, where he traveled and made con-
cert appearances, Paul Robeson moved
back to the United States after his health
began to decline. He died in 1966, leav-
ing a legacy of accomplishment in the
arts area and in setting precedence for
his civil rights movement.

Paul Robeson Calendar

The following presentation are some of the
activities celebrating the life of Paul Robeson
on the centenary of his birth.Newark—Paul Robeson, All American: A new play by Osae Davis. Wednesday, April
1, 7 p.m. at the Victoria Theater, NJPAC. For ticket information, call 973-297-5834.New York—Paul Robeson: Bear of a Culture. An exhibition of Robeson's life,
artistry and ideals. Runs from April 1 to July 12 at the New York Historical Society.
For further information, call 212-302-8477.New York—Paul Robeson: The First Hundred Years: The Man, His Activism, The
Actor. His Ideas. Sunday, April 5, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Miller Theater, Columbia Univer-
sity. For ticket information, call 212-854-7799.Westfield—Paul Robeson Centennial Celebration. Sunday, April 5, 5 p.m. A.M.E.
Zion Church, 4 p.m.Westfield—An evening with Robeson biographer Lloyd L. Brown. Wednesday, April
8, 8 p.m. at the Westfield Memorial Library.Westfield—Granddaughter Susan Robeson will be the guest of honor at a luncheon
celebrating Paul Robeson at noon by the Presbyterian Church in Westfield. For ticket
information, call 908-252-2547.Newark—Paul Robeson, a Tribute to My Friend. Thursday, April 9, 6 p.m. Radio
station WGBX/83.5FM. This presentation is will be cybercast via Internet at
www.wgbx.org.New Jersey Network—Telecast of the Robeson documentary *Speak of Me as I Am*,
on Thursday, April 9 at 9 p.m.Paul Robeson starred in the New
York production of Othello in 1942.

Nowhere to turn:

A mother at the end of her rope

By p.r. mattox

A Piscataway mother with no less
than three legal actions pending is beset
by medical and social service problems
and says her pleas for help have been
ignored. Her greatest concern, however,
is not for herself, but for her children,
the oldest of whom was recently
expelled from school for two days.The complicated and myriad prob-
lems of Carol Dixon can be traced to
when she was an employee of Wood-
bridge Development Center.Dixon took a leave of absence to
have her second child. After returning to
work, she found she had to quit work
due to lack of adequate daycare. She
resigned "in good standing" and was
thereafter eligible to be rehired by the
facility within a three-year period.She aggressively sought to return to
work about two years later. Upon recom-
pensation, rather than being classified as
a rehired employee, she was termed a
"temporary employee." At about this time,
Dixon was subjected to a pattern of ver-
bal harassment from her supervisor,
despite becoming certified as a human
service worker for the facility.After two job-related accidents,
Dixon was terminated from employ-
ment. In the first accident, a patient who
was having a seizure fell back on her,
knocking her to the floor. "I wanted to
file an accident report right away," Dixon
says. "But the supervisor said that if I
did that I would get fired." After a second
accident, which left her with severe
injuries, Dixon was fired on the spot.
Dixon is suing to get her job back. She
has filed a grievance with the State
regarding the harassment and the rein-
statement of her employment at the
Center.Dixon went on public assistance
after her termination, and her two chil-
dren were removed from her custody for
15 months because she was temporarily
homeless. Her second court action is
against the Housing Authorities ofNewark and East Orange. Her basic
claim here is that the Housing Authority
did not adjust the amount of the contribu-
tion towards her rent subsidy from the
time she was working to when she got
on welfare. "Also, because I have a son
and a daughter, I was entitled to a three-
bedroom housing certificate, which I
never got," she said. When she went to
the Division of Youth and Family Ser-
vices about her situation, "They told me,
"we can do anything for you, but we
can take your kids."Since the Division of Youth and
Family Services has resumed the child-
to Mrs. Dixon, they have moved to
Piscataway. Her son, Kashawn, 12, is
currently a student at Quibbletown Expe-
rienced increasing problems in dealing
with school and is receiving poor
grades. Currently, he is in a special educa-
tion class. "He is being harassed by
the teachers and beat up by the stu-
dents," Dixon says. "The teachers say
that he doesn't do his homework and is
disrespectful. I know that he does his
homework—and while boys will be
mischievous when they can get away
with it, he's not one to talk back.
Because there is a case pending in this
matter, Piscataway school officials have
no comment.""I think they are trying to take my
kids away from me again," Dixon said.
"This is my biggest fear." Dixon recently
had surgery to correct
painful conditions in her neck and
back suffered when she was working.
The combined health problems and
worry over her children have made her
very anxious. "My basic concern is for
my medical condition," she explains. "I
wonder how many of my kids I am not
well."Despite a rough life, Carol Dixon
wants better and is fighting to get it. "I
do not want my children to end up like
I was," she said. I moved from Newark to
try to give my children a better life, but
somehow I just can't get ahead."

The Dixon family consist of, from left, Kashawn, Schora, and their Mother, Carol Dixon.

Report puts DYFS
under scrutinyUPPER MONTCLAIR—A 14-
month investigation of New Jersey's
child welfare system by a special gov-
ernmental panel has concluded that a
"pattern of fluctuating fiscal and politi-
cal priorities" has taken a toll on the
"once strong" system. "The organiza-
tional reform" is required to correct the
problems, the panel's report concludes,
including "a serious rethinking of New
Jersey's foster care system."Dr. Anthony D'Uso, supervising
clinical psychologist at United Chil-
dren's Hospital in Newark, said that the
panel was created in 1997 by Gov.
Christie Whitman "for the purpose of
reviewing the status of New Jersey's
child welfare system. This was in direct
response to a widely held public belief
that the system had fallen into a state of
crisis." The panel's specific charge was
to examine the Division of Youth and
Family Services as well as assessing the
broader framework in which it operates.D'Uso, who is also panel Chair and
assistant professor of communication
sciences and disorders at Montclair
State University, said, DYFS has a \$423
million budget, serves 22,000 child-
ren and receives more than 61,000
referrals each year of suspected child
abuse and neglect."The capacity of New Jersey's
child welfare system has been seriously
damaged by years of neglect." To rectify
this, "The organizational reform must
be achieved. Continued, sustained
investment of resources will also be
required to achieve the essential
changes in the child care system." The
140-page report listed the problems and
"core" areas and recommendations for
change including:Foster Care: The panel believes
that New Jersey's foster care system is
in serious need of reform and rethink-
ing...Insufficient safeguards exist to
ensure that children are not actually suf-
fering harm within the foster care sys-
tem. Recommended changes include
developing "an immediate action plan
to make dramatic improvements in its
capacity to provide foster care services"
and "aggressive development" of new
foster homes and services.Prevention Planning: "The panel
has concluded that New Jersey is not
sufficiently consistent or aggressive in
implementing its obligation to
provide permanency for individual grow-
ing up in care." Recommendations
include providing "appropriate reunifi-
cation services immediately after place-
ment."Prevention Strategies: "The panel
has concluded that New Jersey has not
made a strong investment in strategies
to prevent children from entering the
child protection system." "Recommend-
ations include "implementing a con-
crete plan for prevention as an integral
part of a complete child welfare sys-
tem."Client and Community Focus: "The
panel has concluded that the New Jersey
Child Welfare System has grown
remote from many of the people and
communities that it is intended to serve."
"Recommendations include that the
composition of the child welfare staff
is appropriate to meet the needs of
a culturally diverse client population."Professionalism: "The panel has
concluded that New Jersey must make
a major commitment to upgrading the
overall capacity of child welfare sys-
tem. The Department's own standards
have been met and maintained."The report reiterates the need "for
additional and continual financial
investment in the child welfare system.
The system has been underfunded since
its inception and has struggled even
more under the restrictions of the past
decade. The recent (\$18 million) appor-
portionment is welcome. However, it only
begins to address the fundamental prob-
lem that has been stated in blunt terms
as "you get what you pay for."

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

ELIZABETH—Union County College to air summary version of PBS broadcast on Cubans and Haitians in America, "Black and White in Exile" at 6 p.m. in the Elizabeth Campus Theater. For more info, call 908-709-7503.

SPRINGFIELD—Architect and writer Susan Doubilet will present a slide show presentation on modernism in contemporary American architecture at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Free Public Library. For more info, call 973-376-4930.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

WASHINGTON—Attend the Black Reparatons Conference at the Metropolitan A.M.E. Church from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Learn how to make your legal claim to get your money/reparations. To register, send a \$20 check/money order to "Self-Determination Committee, P.O. Box 15588, Washington, DC 20003.

CRANFORD—Union County College Counseling Services is offering alumni and current students an opportunity to meet the people who may affect their entry into a new career at a job fair from 1 to 5 p.m. in the Commons of the College's Cranford Campus. For more info, call 908-709-7503.

WAYNE—Publisher, Christy Haubergier, will speak at William Paterson University from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. For more info, call 973-720-2596.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

NEW BRUNSWICK—The NJ State Bar Foundation will hold its Annual Mock Trial Conference for elementary school teachers from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the NJ Law Center. For more info, call 1-800-FREE LAW.

CRANFORD—Union County College will host the 10th annual conference of the Faculty Development Network from 8:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. at the College's Cranford Campus. For more info, call 908-709-7503.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

NEW BRUNSWICK—Please join us for a frank and in-depth discussion of this issue at "New Jersey: Where Have All The Papers Gone?", a symposium on newspaper consolidation to be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Rutgers

Labor Education Center on Ryders Lane. For more info, call 202-624-8105.

NEWARK—A Candidate Forum sponsored by the NAACP at Hopewell Baptist Church. For more info, call 973-6400.

PRINCETON—The 1998 Annual Historic Preservation Conference and Old House Fair will be held at the Princeton Theological Seminary. For more info, call 908-442-1100.

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

NEW BRUNSWICK—An exhibit on Paul Robeson will be held through July 31st at the Paul Robeson Cultural Center. For more info, call 732-932-7237.

NEW PROVIDENCE—SHARING, is having its annual "12 Off Thrift Clothing and Flea Market Sale" from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the United Methodist Church. For more info, call 908-464-7790.

DISCOVERY CHANNEL—The Ultimate Guide: Birds of Prey will give viewers the opportunity to observe the wild kingdom in its natural habitat. This program will air from 8 to 9 p.m. For more info, call 212-335-7500.

FREELAND—The Monmouth County 4-H Youth Council is offering a variety of evergreen and deciduous seedlings at the Annual Spring Seedling Sale. Deadline for ordering is today. Deadline for pick-up is April 25th. For more info, call 732-431-7253.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

SHORT HILLS—Girl Scout Council announces shopping fund raiser which is taking place from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., at Bloomingdale's at the Mall at Short Hills. For more info, call 973-746-8200.

JERSEY CITY—"A Taste of Hudson '98," the annual fundraising event that showcases the best of Hudson County with an international smorgasbord of foods, and dancing, will benefit Hudson Cradla, A Home For Infants. This event is scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Harborview Financial Center Atrium located at 34 Exchange Place. For more info, call 201-333-7875.

STRASBURG—A bus trip to the Sight and Sound Theater is scheduled with a 7:30 a.m. departure from Lord and Taylor parking lot on North Avenue and will return at approximately 7:30 p.m. For more info, call 908-654-9854.

Congressman Payne briefs union leaders



NEWARK—Congressman Donald M. Payne briefed labor leaders on current issues before Congress at a recent meeting of the Essex West Hudson Labor Council. From left are James Feinstein, a Union Representative, Local 1282, United Food and Commercial Workers, Clifton; Lottie Coles, Membership Service Coordinator, Local 1282; Congressman Payne and Thomas P. Giblin, President of the Essex West Hudson Labor Council AFL-CIO and Administrative Manager of Local 88 International Union of Operating Engineers.

Carol I. Cohen takes now Union County Counsel



ELIZABETH—Mayor Thomas Jardim of Westfield, at left, joined in the celebration after former Union County Freeholder Carol I. Cohen, center, was sworn in as the new county counsel. Cohen is the first woman to be appointed to the position of counsel in the county's 140-year history. Waiting to congratulate County Counsel Cohen is one of the newest members of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, at right Lewis Mingo Jr. of Plainfield.

Michelle Robinson appointed senior evaluator

TRENTON—Michelle Robinson of Trenton has been appointed senior evaluator at Thomas Edison State College.

In her new position in the Office of Learner Services, Robinson is responsible for the evaluation of student credentials including verifying the authenticity of all academic credentials evaluating academic transcripts and non-collegiate course work, reviewing licenses and certificates, and communicating the results to the student upon completion of the evaluation. She is also responsible for updating students' Thomas Edison transcripts.



Freshwaters participates in International Best Chefs Night



MOUNTAINSIDE—Washington Rock Girl Scout Council recently organized an International Best Chefs Night. The focus of the event is on International fare and a Silent Auction.

Husband and wife, Sharon and Clifton Freshwater, are the owners of Freshwaters. Enthusiastic to participate in the event Sharon Freshwater served girls from the Plainfield Community of Washington Rock Girl Scout Council some of their sensational southern cuisine. Girl Scouts featured in the photo included, in front row from left, Katie Curtin, Michelle Musko, Elaine Cockertine, Simone Pyne, and Lauren Maramara; Back: Lauren D'Elia, and Freshwater. The food prepared by Freshwaters during the event included their award winning baby back ribs and peach cobbler for all to taste.

Historic preservation commendations

PLAINFIELD—Freeholder Mary P. Puotolo, at center, congratulated, from left, Evelyn Madsen, chairperson and Nina Wein, President of the Plainfield Garden Club and Bill Gailman, Bureau Chief, Park Maintenance and Ois Sarby, Supervisor of Parks for Union County during the 11th Annual Historic Preservation Commendation recently.

The three accepted the commendation on behalf of the Shakespeare Garden, located in the Cedarbrook Park section of Plainfield, that was chosen one of five award winners by the Historic Sites Committee, the Cultural and Heritage Program Advisory Board and the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.



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NATIONAL BRIEFS

Black Press Honors C. Delores Tucker, the late Betty Shabazz

WASHINGTON (NNPA)—Leaders of the Black Press in America honored the courage of two outstanding women during the National Newspaper Publishers Association's 1998 Black Press Week dinner, March 19.

"The Black Press: A New Millennium—A New Crusade," also known as the 171st anniversary of the first Black newspaper, the Freedom's Journal.

President and head of the National Political Congress of Black Women, C. Delores Tucker, received the 1997 Newspaper Publishers Award for her long fight against corporate America's promotion of gay-baiting. The late Betty Shabazz, received the association's newly announced President's Award.

"Mrs. Tucker has single-handedly taken on one of the most powerful industries in this country—that is the music industry. We have been bombarded in our community with lyrics that are very degrading, especially to women. This courageous woman has dedicated herself to the fight for the minds and hearts of our young people, the future of Black America. And this in a small way, acknowledges the struggle she is waging," said Donnell B. Leavell, president of the National Newspaper Publishers Association.

Thanking the NNPA for its award, Dr. Tucker said she was especially proud of the honor because of its focus. "It is who is behind this award that makes it so special because it represents the voice of the Black Press," she said.

Mfume calls for redefinition of relationship with all of Africa

BALTIMORE—On Wednesday, March 25, 1998, NAACP President and CEO Kwame Mfume joined President Bill Clinton in South Africa for the fourth leg of Clinton's six nation, 11-day trip to the continent of Africa. To help underscore the importance of the trip and recognizing Mfume's history of activism and that of the NAACP, President Clinton invited Mfume to join a small delegation of non-government officials.

President Clinton's trip to Africa provides the opportunity for our country to redefine its relationship with Africa," Mfume said. This trip is essential to face the problems and process of Africa into full and open focus.

Mfume's record on South African issues is long-standing. As Baltimore City Councilman, he introduced and passed the nation's first municipal divestiture laws calling upon the city of Baltimore to divest its pension fund from U.S. companies doing business with South Africa in 1986. Upon joining the U.S. Congress, Mfume was one of the leading opponents of the South African apartheid regime.

Clinton visit precedes transfer of power in quiet Botswana

GABORONE, Botswana (AP)—President Kgama Masire will spend his last days in office hosting U.S. President Bill Clinton in this large, sparsely populated nation known for stability amid the chaos of southern Africa.

When Clinton's three-day visit ended Tuesday, Masire, 73, will step down after 18 years in power to tend to his cows. He will hand over the presidency to Vice President Festus Mogae, 58, to bolster the ruling party's chances in elections next year.

Masire is credited with maintaining stability and guiding growth and development in a nation once surrounded by conflict-ridden neighbors.

"We are lucky that we have a people who are worth more than all the diamonds we found in the Kalahari," he said.

Malcom X convicted killer now heads New York Mosque

NEW YORK—According to a story published in the Village Voice, Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan has appointed Muhammad Abdul Aziz, one of three men convicted of assassinating Malcom X in 1965, as captain in charge of Mosque No. 7, the historic Harlem temple where the Black Muslim activist headed before his murder.

Aziz, who maintained his innocence throughout his imprisonment, will become Farrakhan's new East Coast regional security chief, responsible for reorganizing the Fruit of Islam, the Nation's military and security detail. Aziz is formerly known as Norman 3X Butler.

At least three officials in Farrakhan's inner circle, said that "The Minister apologized on the decision" while Malcom's widow, Betty Shabazz, was alive. Shabazz, who, until her public reconciliation with Farrakhan in 1995, believed Farrakhan had played a role in sanctioning her husband's death.

This may look like Minister Farrakhan is spitting on the grave on Sister Betty, but the truth is that the Muslim community believes that Muhammad Abdul Aziz has nothing to do with the assassination of Malcom X," offered on Nation official.

Waters denounces CIA's internal account of drug trafficking

WASHINGTON—Congresswoman Maxine Waters (D-CA), Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, today denounced the Inspector General of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) Frederick Hitz's unclassified report regarding allegations of CIA involvement in drug trafficking in South Central Los Angeles. "This document lacks credibility and its conclusions should be dismissed," said Rep. Waters.

Testifying before the House Select Committee on Intelligence, Rep. Waters added, "This document raises more questions than it answers. We've waited for over a year for a credible response to a very serious accusation about the CIA's role in drug trafficking to fund the

Contra war. Instead, we have received an unclassified document full of contradictions, misinformation and unimportant conclusions."

The CIA's investigation was done in response to the "Dark Alliance" series published by the San Jose Mercury News in August 1996. The report, written by reporter Gary Webb, raised allegations of the CIA's role in drug trafficking in South Central Los Angeles to fund its Contra war activities. The CIA has refused to release the "classified" version of its report. It released the unclassified version on January 29, 1998.

Rep. Waters told Members of the Intelligence Committee about traveling

to Nicaragua, as well as throughout California, to personally interview a number of individuals mentioned in the "Dark Alliance" series. She spoke of the many letters and volumes of information sent to her from people across the country.

"My deep concern about the allegations raised in the San Jose Mercury that my government could have, in any way, been involved in or had knowledge of, drug trafficking has caused me to spend my own time and resources to find out where about these allegations," added Waters.

Rep. Waters listed over 70 names of people who should have been interviewed by the Office of the Inspector

General and asked the Members of the Committee to interview these individuals as part of their investigation. She also asked the Committee to obtain written responses confirming or denying that certain individuals were CIA assets or agents.

"This Committee has a responsibility to look into the nefarious activities surrounding the massive Cocaine drug network and use its subpoena power to provide the American people with the truth that has been denied them for too long," added Waters. Several Members of the Select Committee on Intelligence called for the Committee to investigate the allegations.

Jackie Robinson Foundation honors Andrew Young at annual dinner

NEW YORK—With entertainer Bill Cosby as host, the Jackie Robinson Foundation (JRF) honored Andrew Young, former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, and M. Anthony Burns, chair, president and CEO of Ryder System, Inc., with "Robie" Awards for humanitarianism and achievement in industry, respectively, at its Annual Awards Dinner in New York recently. A VIP audience of over 1000 leaders in industry and entertainment attended the Dinner.

JRF also celebrated the 25th anniversary of its founding by Rachel Robinson, wife of the famed

Brooklyn Dodger Mrs. Robinson noted, "It is gratifying to me to see our vision for the Jackie Robinson Foundation successfully realized in the lives of so many young people who will have the opportunity to continue Jack's legacy and become agents for change and social justice in our society. I am also very thankful for the support we have received from individuals and businesses throughout these 25 years."

The dinner will net \$1 million and Major League baseball has pledged \$1 million to the Foundation's endowment campaign.



Andrew Young, former ambassador to the United Nations, received a "Robie" Award for humanitarianism at the annual awards dinner for the Jackie Robinson Foundation.

THE TOBACCO SETTLEMENT

What's in it for you? What's in it for us?

Last June, following three months of intensive negotiations between the tobacco industry, attorneys general from around the country, plaintiffs' lawyers and representatives from the public health community, a comprehensive agreement about tobacco was announced. The agreement now before Congress seeks to reduce underage tobacco use, while protecting the right of adults to use tobacco.

The agreement imposes unprecedented legal and financial burdens upon us, and subjects us to regulatory changes.

Even though these recommendations place extensive demands upon our industry, we are willing to accept them in order to end conflicts surrounding tobacco products.

Let's look briefly at why the proposals are good for all concerned.

What's in it for the public:

- A massive and sustained assault against underage smoking.
- Industry payments of billions of dollars that can be spent on health care.
- Larger, more prominent warning labels on cigarettes.
- A multibillion-dollar and -smoking public education program, including \$500 million a year for an independently managed campaign aimed at preventing young people from smoking.
- A new \$25 billion trust fund for tobacco-related medical research.
- Industry-funded smoking cessation programs for adults.
- A ban on outdoor advertising and on the use of cartoon characters or human figures in other advertising.
- A ban on cigarette vending machines.
- Regulation of nicotine and tobacco products by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, backed by severe penalties for violations.
- Disclosure of all health-related research.
- New federal restrictions on secondhand smoke in public places.
- Individuals can still use tobacco companies for all annual damages, and for punitive damages related to future conduct.

What's in it for the industry:

If the settlement contained no benefits for our industry, or threatened the very existence of our operations, we would not accept it. While the current proposals will impose massive financial obligations, advertising and marketing restrictions, and stringent regulations upon us, they also mean our industry will benefit in certain ways:

- Regulatory guidelines will clearly define what the industry may and may not do.
- Payments of any legal judgments against the industry are capped on the order of \$5 billion each year with any excess judgments carrying over for payment the next year. The industry is required to pay even if it prevails in all litigation against it.
- Lawsuits are barred against persons other than the tobacco manufacturers, such as distributors, retailers, farmers, suppliers and stockholders.
- Because the industry will pay \$60 billion to settle punitive

damage claims, such claims for past conduct only are being barred. This \$60 billion will be used for a wide array of public health initiatives rather than for windfall payments to individual litigants and their lawyers.

- For payments by the industry of hundreds of billions of dollars in perpetuity, the attorneys general's suits and similar suits are settled, and mass suits, such as class actions, which could exhaust the settlement judgment fund and delay payments to individual plaintiffs—are barred.

But the industry is NOT getting "immunity":

- Notwithstanding the industry payments, individual smokers will still be able to sue tobacco companies for actual damages and to receive full compensation for any wrongful injuries to their health.
 - The industry remains fully exposed to punitive damage claims related to future misconduct and to severe federal regulatory penalties.
 - The industry receives no protection of any kind from criminal prosecution for any misconduct.
- As a result:
- Tobacco companies will be able to operate in a more stable environment, and continue to employ hundreds of thousands of Americans.
 - Tobacco companies will continue to make valuable contributions to the U.S. economy, to provide hundreds of thousands of jobs, and to pay billions of dollars in taxes.
 - Tobacco companies will operate in a strictly regulated environment, with strong compliance provisions and severe penalties for any violations. We know how crucially important this is to us and all of America.

What happens now?

The provisions that we have accepted in the agreement will have far-reaching effects upon our industry. Indeed, we have made concessions that give up our constitutional rights.

We want to see the agreement become law. But not at the expense of adults who choose to use legal tobacco products, our shareholders, or the hundreds of thousands of Americans employed by the tobacco industry.

For example, some are now calling for immediate and massive increases in excise taxes on tobacco products. These taxes are not only unfair to millions of our customers, but also will have a devastating impact on the hundreds of thousands of people who work in our industry. Moreover, simply passing new excise taxes does nothing to further the comprehensive nature of the settlement.

All sides can find fault or favor with individual features of the settlement. But the President and Congress now have a unique opportunity to chart a new direction by passing comprehensive federal legislation on a national tobacco settlement. The whole of the settlement is much greater than the sum of its parts.

We're ready to work to make the agreement final and to put an end to decades of fruitless conflict, where no one wins.

To see the entire agreement and to learn more about it, visit our Web site at: www.tobaccoresolution.com

Lilly Endowment gifts UNCF with \$42 million

FAIRFAX, VA—The United Negro College Fund (UNCF) today announced that Lilly Endowment Inc., has awarded a \$42 million grant for a three-year program designed to assist historically black colleges and universities with capital, scholarship and faculty funding needs. This gift is the largest ever given to a single entity by the foundation in its 61-year history.

The program, entitled The Lilly Endowment Historically Black College and University (HBCU) Program, is an historic effort designed to strengthen private HBCUs by addressing their most current critical needs through a rigorous grant program to be administered by the UNCF. The Endowment has entrusted the funding to UNCF in recognition of its exemplary 34-year record in management and dispersion of funds to further higher education opportunities for students attending HBCUs.

"This is a major commitment by Lilly Endowment to black colleges that recognizes the outstanding work these colleges do in providing low-cost, quality education for thousands of deserving young people," said UNCF president and CEO William H. Gray III. "The Lilly Endowment program will provide a tremendous opportunity for the HBCUs' capital and faculty development needs - and for their students who will receive much-needed scholarships. This support is crucial to our mission of preparing today's students to become tomorrow's leaders in the workforce."

Wanted: Moral Values

When horrible incidents happen like the recent Jonesboro massacre, there is a tendency for us to look around and say, "how in the world can something like that happen?" We do a double take at a loud, menacing little kid in the street and wonder if they could be the next one to whip out a gun and let loose in a crowd.

Who is responsible? The parents? The educational system? Television? There is no one element to which a person can point a finger. We are creating a generation of children committing acts that were unthinkable a generation ago. What's more, they have neither a coherent idea of why they commit such terrible acts, nor do they have a clue as to the seriousness of their actions. They do not believe that death is forever, and there actions include far more victims than the violated.

What is needed? The answer is not more gun control. The answer is not more youth jails or trying children as adults. What is needed can be summed up in one word—values. While this is simple, it is not easy. Teaching the value of life, self-respect and respect for the other person must be taught from the cradle. Children must these values in the home.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor

I couldn't agree more with comments by columnist Walter Fields regarding the targeting of African Americans by the tobacco industry. The price we pay in poor health resulting in high infant mortality is well documented.

That's why over the last several years I have been very involved with the American Stop Smoking Intervention Study (ASSIST). The goal of ASSIST is to reduce tobacco consumption by 20 percent in the State of New Jersey, particularly among African Americans and Hispanics.

In Irvington I sponsored the ordinance which banned billboard advertisement near schools, day care centers, parks, etc. Irvington is one of the few communities to do so. Additionally, I would encourage everyone involved in public policy to make sure urban communities get their fair share.

Very truly yours,
Wayne Smith
Council Member-At-Large
Irvington, NJ

Clinton's Purpose In Africa—Photo-Op, Refuge, or Trade Mission?

President Clinton couldn't have found a better time to visit Africa. The 14-day trip through six African countries has been in planning for two years. It shores up his political capital among African Americans; puts the planet's largest continent on the map for trade and tourism; and it gets Clinton away from domestic woes in the form of investigations by the independent counsel and hungry Washington media. The trip combines significant photo opportunities with African heads of state with a distant refuge for Clinton. Although he is calling it a "trade mission," many say there is still much to be desired and that end. The question is, "Is the trip more for image than reality?"

The image Clinton wants to present Africans is to rebut beliefs that Africans are unaware of, or indifferent, to their continent except for the media headlines through famine, ethnic killings and corrupt dictators. To Americans, Clinton seeks to demystify Africa and highlight changes there. The first American president take such an extensive trip in this continent of 700 people. Clinton will promote a message showing large parts of Africa on a promising path toward stability, democracy and economic growth. He gets to build his image among Africans and African-Americans without a word of apology for slavery.

The nature of the trip is good, but the problems for blacks in Africa, as well as America, are paradoxical. Although the continent is among the second largest in population, and arguably the richest of all in terms of natural resources, its people are among the poorest in the world. Africa's people are hard-working and intelligent, and the continent can boast of having produced great civilizations long before today's developed countries came into existence. But the vast gap between contemporary Africa's level of economic development and that of every other part of the world is growing. In America's land of plenty, blacks are the lowest of any ethnic group's economic status.

The African continent is a developed significant trading partner for us than

most people realize. Both the reality and the potential warrant much greater attention. Backed up by the Congressionally-approved African Growth and Opportunity Act and a 75 percent approval rating among blacks in America, President Clinton has over 1,000 people to accompany him on the historic trip. Boasting of bringing "trade, not aid," Clinton is accompanied by African-American mayors, members of congress, and association and think-tank leaders.

In reality, the magnitude of U.S.-Africa trade, \$22.4 billion in 1996, comes to two percent of the U.S.'s overall foreign trade of \$1.2 trillion. U.S. exports to Africa are about \$9 billion. America imports about \$14.3 billion from Africa, creating a trade deficit of about \$5.1 billion. Over the past three years, Africa has exhibited a four percent annual growth rate while U.S. trade with Africa has grown by 32.1 percent. U.S. Commerce says U.S. investment in sub-Saharan Africa generated a return of 31 percent in 1996, compared with 12 percent in Latin America and 13 percent in the Asia-Pacific region. Now, the U.S. wants to engage sub-Saharan African countries as trading equals. Clinton and encourage insist the old donor and recipient patterns which has defined U.S. and African relations is being replaced by new and dynamic programs based on it being in their mutual economic interests to promote programs, policies and strategies that reduce poverty through economic growth and commerce to improve our quality of life. More work is needed in Africa and African-American communities state. On the continent of Africa, 266 million people live on less than one dollar a day. In urban America, the majority of blacks live in environments that are no different than Third World cities?

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SSI kids get deserved "second chance"

By Jerome Shestack

It's not often that you get a second chance in life, but about 90,000 children with disabilities will get just that because the Social Security Administration has nailed out second redetermination notices to children who benefit were terminated last summer from the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program due to welfare reform.

Families who receive those notices will find a new vital feature included: statewide hotline numbers where they can get free legal representation, while the American Bar Association and children's advocates believe will greatly improve SSI families' chances of retaining funds.

As soon as SSI families get these notices, they should use the hotline numbers to link up with a lawyer who will represent them while they are reviewing their new SSI review. Time is of the essence.

The ABA urged the SSA to issue new redetermination notices and to include the statewide hotline numbers for free legal help to ensure that these children get their right to due process and not just an administrative review. On Dec. 17, the SSA finally agreed to do just that.

The SSA's own internal report on the termination program found that many families did not appeal within the necessary 60-day period to continue funding because they feared the SSA

warning that they might have to repay funds paid them during the appeal process.

Quite simply these impoverished families would not be able to comply with such a demand—these dire financial straits were why they qualified for SSI originally. The SSA notifications fail to mention repayment waivers.

The SSA staff and lawyers who had been made, and many children had been unjustly cut from the program. To his credit, SSA Commissioner April agreed to make steps to correct these mistakes, including conducting further field training for SSA staff on SSI regulations, and giving those doing the reviews additional information to aid them in making their decisions fairly.

However, the ABA still believes these families should have legal representation to make certain they have a fair hearing. The administrative review procedures are complicated and difficult to understand. The process has many steps.

The ABA encourages these SSI families to take the hand extended to them by the state's lawyers. Our concern for your children is sincere. Our concern for your children is sincere.

There is one battle in life that you do have to win: the battle of wills. There has enough already! Let our volunteer lawyers help you and your children.

We are a telephone call away.

Jerome Shestack is President of the American Bar Association

South Africa after apartheid

By Dr. Manning Marable

Since the election of Nelson Mandela and the end of apartheid's dictatorship, South Africa has been projected as a model of racial reconciliation and peaceful change. President Mandela himself has become his nation's most effective and persuasive spokesman, as even the racist and reactionary Afrikaner former leaders praise his inclusive policies. Almost overnight, the country that once symbolized a citadel of white supremacy now relies on its liberal image under the slogan, the "rainbow nation."

Yet for all the glitter, and hype, there remain two vastly different South Africas, separated by an enormous chasm of racial and income inequality. At the top of society are the white upper and middle classes, who for centuries benefited directly from the enslavement and exploitation of the black masses. Whites comprise only 12 percent of the South African population, yet they still own the vast majority of wealth.

The "other" Cape Town is rarely shown on the tourist maps or guided tours. Outside the city, behind the magnificent Table Mountain, is Cape Town's African townships, where more than half of the population live. In segregated, impoverished neighborhoods called Guguleta and Crossroads, Africans

live in conditions of unbelievable poverty, hunger, and disease. I saw tens of thousands of shacks constructed largely with cardboard, plastic sheets, and wooden boards, without toilets, running water, or electricity.

Unemployment breeds despair and violence. When people have nothing to lose, they frequently turn against each other. The former apartheid regime understood this well, and it manipulated fear, poverty and old ethnic rivalries to divide and terrorize its nonwhite opponents. In the past, the government has allowed millions of dollars worth of weapons and drugs into the country, saturating black neighborhoods.

Today's street violence and gang wars in the segregated townships are a by-product of a powerful and corrupt, centuries-old system of white supremacy. The day-to-day violence of inferior schools, substandard shelter, malnutrition, and poor health care is the root cause of South Africa's crisis of crime. Until and unless millions of black Africans acquire the basic pre-requisites for a decent life, the post-apartheid violence will descend into an all-out deadly violence.

Dr. Manning Marable is Professor of History and Director of the Institute for Research in African American Studies at Columbia University.

Lawmakers need to spend a day in court

By Marian Wright Edelman

Arthur Burnett, Sr., co-chair of the Black Community Crusade for Children's Judge's Leadership Council (JLC), has seen a lot during his 20 years on the bench of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

Recently, he asked members of Congress to see things from his perspective.

During a Congressional recess, Judge Burnett and more than 100 respected African American judges from around the country gave federal and state lawmakers an opportunity to sit in their courtrooms to get a first-hand look at the people behind the juvenile justice system. Nationwide Day in Court Week is one of the JLC's key programs.

The harmful criminalization of minority youth is one of the JLC's top concerns. More of our children could be removed from the care of their parents by the justice system if the Senate passes S.10, a bill that will allow children as young as 14 to be put into adult jails, even for nonviolent offenses like truancy and running away. Children in adult jails are eight times more likely to commit suicide, five times more likely to be sexually assaulted, and twice as likely to be beaten by prison staff than children in secure juvenile facilities.

S.10 would remove safeguards that have been in place for nearly a quarter of a century to ensure that children are kept apart from adults in America's jails, while ignoring prevention and efforts to keep kids out of the hands of children.

Because S.10 will put children at risk who have not committed serious crimes, those who will never commit a second offense, and those unjustly

arrested, I urge parents, grandparents, students, community and religious leaders to urge their Senators to vote against it.

Veronica Morgan Price, TLC co-chair and an associate judge in the Juvenile and Family Division of the District Court in Houston, Texas, invited state and local leaders to visit her courtroom, tour an adolescent detention center that houses 168 children, and talk to sensitive judges, lawyers, prosecutors, teachers, and the principal of the center's school.

She hopes the time visitors spend "raising sensitive voices" will help the children and the needs of the court."

"Many of the children need counseling and community services," she said. A lot of them have unresolved mental health issues. There are not enough programs available. More money is spent on preparing to incarcerate the children than on prevention and early intervention."

Judge Morgan-Price believes the church, as it has historically, also plays a key role in solving the problems of juvenile crime and violence while serving as the moral engine to keep children out of trouble to begin with. But no child should end up paying his whole life merely for the "crime" of being young and foolish.

Marian Wright Edelman is president of the Children's Defense Fund and a working committee member of the Black Community Crusade for Children (BCCC).

Political Analysis

FIELD ASSIGNMENT Clinton in Africa

By Walter Fields

President Bill Clinton has embarked on a historic five-nation tour of sub-Saharan Africa. It will mark the first time an American president has set foot on the continent since President Jimmy Carter. Clinton's trip is significant in that black Africa states are the critical piece of the president's itinerary. The president will visit the nations of Ghana, Uganda, Rwanda, South Africa and Senegal. Accompanying Clinton is an 800-person entourage that includes Black Entertainment Television CEO Robert Johnson, the Reverend Jesse Jackson, and Congressman Donald Payne (D-NJ).

The president's foray into Africa presents a significant opportunity to change the international community's perception of the continent. For centuries Africa has been the playground of the world's powers, exploited for its rich natural resources. Its land divided up in repeated conquests, colonialists disregarded natural resources and tribal territories. Its people sold into slavery and their labor exploited to benefit European and American economies.

President Clinton's decision to travel to Africa is no small step. The fact that the president is going to Africa worthy of his attention suggests a turning point in U.S. foreign policy toward the continent. Combined with the success of U.N. Secretary General, Kofi Annan, the president's trip magnifies Africa's potential. On the heels of the successful 1997 summit in the Iraqi government over chemical weapons inspections, the world is now seeing black Africa in a different light.

Clinton's first stop was in the West African nation of Ghana. He was greeted by the nation's charismatic leader, President Jerry Rawlings, and an enthusiastic crowd in Independence Square estimated to have been a half million in number. Ghana was the first sub-Saharan nation to gain independence from colonial rule. Over the years a small community of African-Americans

has emerged in the country. Ghana is now considered one of southern Africa's success stories, touting a 5 percent annual economic growth rate.

Clinton's remarks in the capital city of Accra were marked by a candid description of the manner in which the continent had been exploited. He went one step further during a speech in Uganda when he acknowledged American responsibility in the slave trade. While stopping short of a formal apology, the very fact that an American president acknowledged the African slave trade—the genocide of Indians being the first—on an international stage spoke volumes.

Substantive support in the form of increased U.S. aid is necessary to demonstrate a real commitment. Current U.S. aid to Africa, in the form of a NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) type agreement to stimulate the economies of targeted nations, is minimal. Billions of dollars are needed to build housing, infrastructure, improve public health and education. The latter being particularly important to the continent. Free trade will put corporate coffers but do little, in the short term, to improve the quality of life for people in Africa. The U.S. could also use its status and clout as a world power to stimulate the international community's attention for the president to bring other nations to the table to insulate himself from critics on Capitol Hill.

Clinton's successful tour of Africa is a political grand gesture, particularly in light of the ongoing investigation of his administration by the House of Representatives prosecutor Kenneth Starr. Worse yet, skeptics will charge that Africa, below the Sahara, is not worth the considerable cost. Still, the tour is a statement that the president is bringing other nations to the table to insulate himself from critics on Capitol Hill. Clinton's tour is a political grand gesture, particularly in light of the ongoing investigation of his administration by the House of Representatives prosecutor Kenneth Starr. Worse yet, skeptics will charge that Africa, below the Sahara, is not worth the considerable cost. Still, the tour is a statement that the president is bringing other nations to the table to insulate himself from critics on Capitol Hill.

Remembering a great African American leader: Patrice Lumumba

By Dr. Conrad W. Worrill

Since the former slave trading nations of France, Germany, Spain, England, Portugal, and the United States convened the Berlin Conference in 1884, Africa has become a victim of militarily imposed boundaries on its territory.

Such is the case of Central Africa where we witness thousands of African people, Rwanda, Burundi, Zaire, and Tanzania dying on a daily basis from either war or starvation in refugee camps. These deaths have resulted from European manipulation and African leadership cooperation.

Since the assassination of the great African leader, Patrice Lumumba, in January 1961, Zaire has become a virtual puppet of the United States and rest of the western world. It is ironic that Zaire's former president, the late Mobutu Sese Seko, was implicated in cooperating with the CIA in the death of Lumumba. Mobutu has since become one of the world's most wealthiest men with most of his wealth stashed away in European banks.

Mobutu was often the pipeline for cash transfers for the CIA and on one occasion pocketed \$1,000,000 instead of only \$600,000 which was to reimburse him for a plane which had been leased by the CIA.

According to African scholar-artistic Dr. Jacob Carruthers—"In the 15th century prosperous and self-sufficient African states and kingdoms existed and had thriving regions of the Congo-Ngola-Zaire region. In that century the Portuguese came to Africa, started to open up the continent to slavery to control the world's most vital source of goods, wealth and life—the heart of Africa."

Dr. Carruthers reveals that "It was then that Rockefeller, Morgan and Guggenheimer were given the right to rob Africa of diamonds, rubber and

later cobalt and uranium and, more importantly, black bodies and minds."

Patrice Henry Lumumba was born July 2, 1925 in Kasulo Kombe, a small village in a remote area, then referred to as the Congo. At an early age he recognized the need to develop the kind of skills necessary to become an active participant in the African Liberation Movement.

The more contact Patrice had with the European world helped him develop the kind of political consciousness that made him one of the most important leaders in the African Independence Movement.

His outspokenness and determination to find a vehicle to free the Congolese people led to his being sentenced to life in a remote area, then referred to as the Congo. Although his prison sentence was cut short, upon his release, the Belgian colonialists, along with their African servants, attempted to isolate Patrice from the growing movement of the masses of people.

In October 1958 Patrice helped form the National Congolese Movement which was to become the forerunner in the liberation struggle. In December of 1958, Patrice was invited to a conference of African nationalists hosted by Kwame Nkrumah in Accra, Ghana. It was through this conference that Patrice began to live with the masses of the Congolese liberation movements in Africa.

African countries. From this point forward a liberation movement in the Congo escalated to the point that the Belgian Government decided to grant the Congolese people their so-called freedom on June 30, 1960.

Patrice was one of the Congolese people and Patrice Lumumba! We must never forget their struggle and the loss of life that continues.

Dr. Worrill is the National Chairman of the National Black United Front

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FRIDAY, APRIL 3

EDISON—A free half-day workshop on Software for Manufacturing and Finance will be held at the Microsoft Building Center from 9 to 11:30 a.m. For more info, call 502-575-7282.

NEW YORK—Take a communication course and learn how to conduct a sale and demanding customers. The course will be offered at the New York Marriott East Side. For more information, call 1-800-225-4141.

MONDAY, APRIL 6

PRINCETON—A one-day international business forum and exposition, "TradeWorld '98" will be held at the Princeton Marriott Hotel in Princeton Township.

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

WEEHAWKEN—A Meet and Greet Cruise for Business will be held from 4:30 a.m. to 7 a.m. on the New York Harbor. For more info, call 201-867-6590.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

SOMERSET—The 4th Annual Somerset County Economic Vitality Awards Luncheon will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the DoubleTree Hotel. For more info, call 908-725-1552.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

NEWARK—A panel discussion on investments and Construction/Management Services in Real Estate will be held at 8 a.m. at the Marriott at Newark Airport. For more info, call 732-238-8110.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

JAMAICA—The National Coalition of Black Meeting Planners has selected the Renaissance Jamaica Grande Resort for the Spring '98 conference which will be held through the 15th. For more info, call 876-974-2201.

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

PLAINFIELD—An workshop on "Funding Opportunities for Small Businesses" will be held from 10 a.m. to noon at the United Nations Community Education Center. For more info, call 908-756-5000, ext. 2396.

World African Network allies with CNN

World African Network New Media, Inc. is broadening its reach to the African American online community. An alliance was announced today between WAN and CNN Interactive (CNN.com). This alliance builds on a three-year commitment the two companies have shared during Black History Month.

Through this affiliation, CNN Interactive will provide a direct link to the Black History page to WAN Online (WANONLINE.com); a site dedicated to the interests and news needs of the African and African American communities. In exchange, WAN will provide CNN with compelling Black History content from a culturally sensitive point of view.

This arrangement is strategic to both WAN and CNN Interactive. WAN remains true to its mission of providing newsworthy, daily content to African and African Americans; while CNN further enhances the quality and quantity of its African American online offering. The relationship, which began in February of 1996, has been a success for both companies. It has been well received by the online audience, and WAN Online has marked an increase in its already growing number of readers.

CNN's leading position in the global news community is a wonderful match with WAN's commitment to quality programming. commented Andrew J. Hayes, president and chief executive officer, World African Network. "This cooperation extends our mission to address historical imbalances in the presentation of African American images," he added. "While we certainly will feature many of the heroes and heroines that are traditionally honored during Black History Month, there are so many other examples of African political and educational successes that have been ignored. We want to paint a consistent picture of our culture's many positive contributions to the United States and to the world."

World African Network New Media, a subsidiary of World African Network, has V.S. headquarters in Atlanta, GA, and produces WANonline, WAN-Atlanta, and WAN.com. WAN's corporate offices are in New York City, with regional offices in Atlanta, GA, and Washington, D.C. WAN Entertainment, WAN Lifestyle and WAN Black History.

A leading African American news and media company, World African Network New Media's affiliation includes broad band distribution agreements with Multiple System Operators throughout the cable television market.

U.S. fights lending bias to boost minority home ownership

WASHINGTON (AP)—The government is intensifying efforts to combat bias in home loans in a new effort to increase urban home ownership by minorities. Housing Secretary Andrew Cuomo said Tuesday.

Cuomo's announcement came after three Texas mortgage lenders agreed last week to settle housing discrimination complaints by making \$1.4 billion in mortgage loans available over the next three years to low-income and minority home buyers.

The Department of Housing and

Urban Development will track compliance of housing bias and spot check to uncover unlawful business practices that discriminate between white and minority loan applicants, Cuomo said. In Texas cases, white government agents posed as mortgage applicants received better treatment than black agents even though they provided similar financial statements.

The department will issue a housing discrimination report later in the year after completing its investigation.

"The home ownership gap remains far too wide," Cuomo said, citing surveys contrasting ownership rates in cities and their suburbs. "It's time to move beyond talking about this serious problem and move forward more aggressively to solve it."

"All Americans—no matter where they live, no matter what their race or ethnicity—have a legal right under the Fair Housing Act to be treated equally when they apply for a home mortgage," Cuomo said. "We

will ensure that this legal right is enforced."

The Clinton administration has welcomed Census Bureau data showing that the nation's home ownership rate hit a record high of 65.7 percent last year.

But Cuomo and big-city allies say they are distressed by other figures showing that while home ownership hit 72.5 percent in the suburbs in 1997, it stood at just 49.9 percent in cities with concentrations of low- and moderate-income residents and minorities.

Women business owners gets Governor salute

TRENTON—Gov. Christie Whitman today credited women with helping to drive the Garden State's economic renaissance and recognized March as Women's History Month when she addressed the New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners (NAWB-BO) at a luncheon in East Brunswick.

"New Jersey has more than 220,000 women-owned businesses—one-third of all New Jersey firms. And those businesses generate more than \$91 billion in sales and employ nearly 620,000 people in this state," said Gov. Whitman. "That is good news for women, and good news for New Jersey's economy."

"When the state's economy is growing, women have greater opportunity to grow along with it. Today we have more than 260,000 more jobs than there were in 1993. Our unemployment rate is the lowest it has been since 1990 and more people are working in this state than ever before," said Gov. Whitman. "And I assure you that I am committed to working to ensure that New Jersey and businesswomen remain perfect together."

NJ's top energy firms, non-profits launch fuel fund

NEWARK—A coalition of New Jersey's top energy companies and non-profit agencies today announced the creation of a new, statewide fuel assistance fund designed to offer financial help to individuals and families living in the state who are in need of temporary aid in paying their energy bills.

New Jersey SHARES (Statewide Heating Assistance and Referral for Energy Services) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation modeled in large part on the successful private electric company fuel assistance funds now maintained by GPU Energy, Atlantic Electric and Rockland Electric Companies for their customers in need.

New Jersey SHARES grants will be targeted to non-welfare residential energy customers who have short-term financial difficulties, have exhausted all other available resources and cannot pay their energy bills. Recipients will be certified for eligibility by human service agencies.

New Jersey Board of Public Utilities President Herbert Tate said, "We hope this will be the beginning of other enterprising and positive ways of serving New Jersey's residential utility customers. This fuel fund grew out of an unusual partnership. This program recognizes that

sometimes, through no fault of their own, our people need a hand up to get back on their feet after a financial reversal, medical crisis or family problem. New Jersey SHARES offers that hand to them."

Data from the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities on residential non-payment service shutouts shows that approximately 146,000 N.J. households in 1997 lost their energy service because of past-due bills.

New Jersey SHARES is funded principally by a \$1 million start-up grant made possible by PSE&G. Additional funding for the program comes from the coalition's other energy provider members' contributing a flat rate percentage of first-year administration costs, and a pro-rated contribution based on the number of residential electric and gas customers they have in New Jersey.

PSE&G Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, E. James Forland said, "PSE&G's participation in New Jersey SHARES is aimed at helping provide real solutions to very real problems in our state. The fuel fund assistance that this program provides will serve as a helping hand to our neighbors who have, for whatever reasons, temporarily fallen on hard times."

St. John Deane says you can have happiness and success

Bonnie St. John Deane is living proof that where there is a will, there is a way. A champion of extreme adversity, she is an African American woman who has packed a lifetime of experiences into just 31 years. A congenital birth defect resulted in Bonnie sacrificing her leg when she was only five, but the concept of disability never prevented her from striving above and beyond anyone's expectations, including her own.

"When you begin life so far away from the starting line, you spend your life trying to catch up," says Bonnie. She did more than just catch up, she went on to become a

champion skier winning three medals in the 1984 Winter Olympics for the Handicapped in Innsbruck, Austria. Shortly after she graduated with honors from Harvard, she was chosen to be a Rhodes Scholar and attended Oxford University.

Curiosity about the corridors of power led her to work at some of the elite business arenas in the world: Wall Street, Tokyo, London, and eventually the White House where she was a director of human capital issues at the National Economic Council. Yet, even with successes like these, she was unsatisfied. Bonnie felt her career did not leave her any room for her to enjoy her life.



Whatever the goal, be it one more race, a \$500 million deal, or the latest political crisis, Ms. Deane realized that she focused her entire life on repeating the same unfulfilling behavior patterns over and over again, acting more like a machine than a person. In her dynamic new book, *Succeeding State: Making Room for Joy in a Crazy World* (Simon & Schuster) Bonnie St. John Deane affirms that she gets the most out of her life by blending her professional and personal activities

and shows how even the most driven and competitive people can have both personal fulfillment and professional success by identifying themselves.

In her book, Bonnie St. John Deane shares her personal search for succeeding with sanity. Succeeding State helps identify a new ideal and provides step-by-step directions on how to get there. "The philosophy of blending asks that readers sacrifice some quality in individual activities in order to attain more overall quality. But when all the pieces of your life are mutually reinforcing instead of being at war, you will be on a road to being successfully sane," asserts the author.

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New Jersey SHARES President Judith Lanauk with New Jersey Board of Public Utilities President Herbert Tate.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 3

PLAINFIELD—A special outreach Shabbat service will be held at Temple Shalom beginning at 8:15 p.m. Deborah Taylor will be the guest speaker. For more info, call 908-756-6447.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

NEWARK—You are cordially invited to attend the installation service of District Elder F. Perrot which will be held at 11 a.m. at the Lighthouse Temple Church. For more info, call 973-622-7411.

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

NEWARK—The Hampton University Choral will perform Palm Sunday, 4 p.m. at Trinity and St. Philip's Cathedral. For more info, call 973-622-3505.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

WAYNE—The Sixth Annual "Gospel Music Awards Dinner" will be held in the Wayne Manor at 7:30 p.m. For more info, call 201-523-1777.

MONDAY, APRIL 13

NEWARK—A "Back to God" crusade revival will be held at the Trinity Baptist Church through April 17th, beginning at 7:15 p.m. For more info, call 973-694-2342.

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Christ Episcopal Church holds second of several multicultural awareness nights

EAST ORANGE—About 75 members and visitors gathered in the parish hall at Christ Episcopal (Anglican) Church in East Orange tonight to dine on American food and drink, and to witness a vibrant presentation hosted by the USA Sub-Committee of the church's Multicultural Committee. The 7:30PM session, entitled "Diversity in America: Music is the Message," attempted to tell the story of the history of the United States through music.

After a brief introduction by Senior Warden Robert Simmons, the program began. One by one, 11 church members gave the audience a taste of United States history, beginning with Victor Solberg's presentation of "Native America," following through to Mary Grinstead's piece entitled "From the 1970s to the New Millennium," and ending with Jean Jones' brief



After the "Diversity in America" session, attendees gathered around to inspect an American flag. Pictured above from left to right: Viola Dowdell, Gertrude Spann, Mary Grinstead, Linda Corrin, Joyce Howard, Elizabeth Humphrey

talk on the evolution of the American flag.

It was the second of several presentations planned by the church that will attempt to bring about more harmony, understanding, and unity among members of our congregation as we approach the millennium. The Multicultural Committee's kick-off presentation was held on October 24, 1997, when radio talk host and freelance television anchor-reporter Felipe Luciano, talked about how we as a multicultural society can embrace the 21st Century.

Once consisting of all Anglo-American members, Christ Church's membership is now comprised of a unique mix of Anglo-American, African-Americans, West Indians, and Guyanese. The church's rector, The Reverend Dr. William Guthrie called Friday, night's event a great success.

Beyond fear's fence Be true to yourself

By Michael A. Grant, J.D.

"Fear only holds power over you when it goes unacknowledged."
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Beyond fear's fence awaits faith's fortune. This is one of the greatest lessons that life has taught me. Each time that I confronted my fears—daring back to the first grade—I later discovered that beyond fear's powerful grip, something really nice awaited me.

Because human beings tend to approach pleasure and avoid pain (in any form), we tend to shy away from fear—provoking experiences and the pain that we associate with them.

For example, you may have told yourself that your present job, spouse (or significant other) group of friends, or financial status is not what you want. You are beginning to get bored too often. You have noticed that your life is lacking a certain zest. You rarely feel upbeat about anything. Past pleasures have become bliss. You know that it is time to make a few life-altering changes. Once you reach this point on the path of life's journey, you are forced to make a decision: A few days of quiet introspection will probably reveal a truth that lies right beneath the surface of your awareness: You are being called to confront your fears. You are being summoned by a higher command to come

out of the comfort zone, i.e., your daily rut.

As we study life's lessons, our perceptions change. But change is difficult because it requires saying goodbye to familiar people, places, and patterns. Change means letting go. It means facing the unknown. Change is about risk and insecurity. But change is inevitable. And those who resist it do so at their own peril.

Irrational fear is usually an indication that we are resisting change. We drink, we recede, we seek to hide in the illusion of permanence. We cling to the past because of a fear of facing the future, inadvertently abandoning the richness found only in a courageous present.

Like so many other ironies found in human existence, those who seek comfort in past patterns the most, usually end up suffering the most discomfort when they focus on future predicaments.

The challenge for each of us is to simply let go. Let go of the false beliefs that fear notoriously nourishes. Let go of a paradigm that stifles growth and rewards the status quo. Let go of those thoughts that lure you into thinking that the unknown is overwhelmingly fraught with danger or frightful outcome. Like the young child trying to ride a bicycle for the first time or taking the first plunge into a swimming pool, accept yourself confronting your fears and moving beyond them.

By Juniors Ricardo Stanton

Our history in this hemisphere was one of forced emigration, cultural destruction and dehumanization. Our ancestors were ruthlessly and systematically dehumanized, deculturated and denigrated. Over the years we were forcibly and violently recast from Yoruba, Yuchi, Songhai, Ibo, Kotoke, Bambara, Dan and numerous other African tribal groupings into Negroes, coons, jaggaboos and niggers. The process is ongoing. We remain in the throws of a relentless attack on our Africans.

The great tragedy is that now we mindlessly collaborate in our own destruction. Some examples are: African Americans, advocating the absurd concept of assimilation, as if wiping out all vestiges of our physical presence and soul were possible let alone desirable; our people self-destructing on lethal drugs and alcohol not only destroying themselves but future generations, our institutions mirroring those of our adversaries in structure, content and thrust and failing to formulate a serious short-term or long-range program of survival and self-sufficiency.

Are we more unified today than we were 100 years ago? Are we better off now than we were 200 years ago? Given that we are no longer in chattel slavery are we, happier, more self-aware or more self-sufficient now than we were, say 70 years ago? If not, why not? A

quick scan of available socio-economic data indicates some progress has been made, but the stark reality is that Black infant mortality, poverty levels, imprisonment, homicides, homelessness, family and community disintegration are alarmingly high. What responsibility, if any, do we ourselves take in this? Are we so weak, disorganized and disoriented that we are incapable of saving ourselves or improving the quality of our individual and collective lives?

The first law of nature is survival. While adaptation, especially under changing conditions and extreme duress is natural, it is not natural to attempt to be other than what you are! To constantly attempt otherwise is a symptom of severe and chronic mental and psychological discrimination. Does our present situation have anything to do with us not being true to ourselves? Are we wood in the water thinking we can become crocodiles? There are still many among us who are ashamed of who they are. They describe themselves as anything other than African. They proudly boast, "I'm part Indian, part Irish, German, Portuguese, Anglo-Saxon, etc.," when we are an African first, then whatever else you may claim to be. Love yourself!! Concentrate on being the best you possible. Determine to live in integrity, being true to yourself and ensuring the survival of your people. That will never happen by attempting to be anything other than what you are.

CWS New Jersey to Celebrate 25th Anniversary

Rocky Hill—Twenty-five years ago, Rev. Terry Grove established the regional office of Church World Service and Witness Unit of the National Council of Churches in Rocky Hill, NJ. In twenty-five years, through the establishment of CROPWALK's in nearly 150 communities, more than 15 million dollars have been raised to alleviate hunger throughout the world.

Church World Service is a relief and development agency which assists communities in responding to disasters, supports sustainable self-help development, meets emergency needs, and helps address the root causes of poverty and powerlessness in partnership with indigenous organizations in more than 70 countries.

The Celebration of the anniversary will occur on April 26, at the Xavier Center, in Convent Station, NJ. The Rev. Dr. Terry Grove, now living in Florida, will officiate.

Church World Service invites all volunteers and supporters to attend. For more information please call 1-888 CWS CROP.

St. Mark's celebrates Women's Day with Conference

MONTECLAIR—St. Mark's United Methodist Church, celebrates Women's Day 1998, with a one-day conference, "Ministering to the 21st Century Millennium Woman: Body, Mind, Spirit," on April 25.

Promised to be a thought-provoking weekend, the following workshops will be a part of the conference: Women's Health Issues, Young Women, The Spirit Within, Christian Relationships, Parenting and Financial Management.

The conference is a part of a total weekend of activities beginning with a communion service on Friday, April 24 starting at 6 p.m. On Sunday, April 26, there will be a Special Morning Worship Service starting at 10:45am. The Guest Speaker will be Patricia Hart, Esq., Essex County Prosecutor.

A Registration fee of \$15 is required, which includes continental breakfast, workshop and lunch. For additional information please contact St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 973-744-2345. Monday - Friday, 8:30am-4pm. The church is located at 51 Elm Street, Montclair. Rev. Dr. Michael Harriott, is the Pastor.

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Health Calendar

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LIVINGSTON—A blood drive will be held at the St. Barnabas Medical Center, East Wing, New Bldg., Room 828, from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. For more info, call 1-800-258-2585.

TEANECK—A support group for prostate cancer patients now at Holy Name Hospital will be held the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. For more info, call 201-837-1892.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

BELLE MEAD—"Family Therapy for Alcoholism," will be presented from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Addiction Amphitheater at Carver Foundation. The medical lecture is free and open to the general public. For more info, call 908-281-1461.

NEW BRUNSWICK—The NJ State Bar Foundation will present a free public seminar on "Current Health Law Issues" from 7 to 9 p.m. at the NJ Law Center. For more info, call 1-800-373-3529.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield Area YMCA invites youngsters and their families to its annual "Healthy Kids Day" from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the YMCA. For more info, call 908-756-6060.

TEANECK—Holy Name Hospital will offer a free Blood Pressure Screening from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more info, call 201-837-1892.

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

TEANECK—Holy Name Hospital's CPR Training Center is offering cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and First Aid training programs for new parents. This will be held from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Holy Name Hospital's Conference Room. For more info, call 201-837-7246.

Lyme Disease Education kits free to public

HARTFORD, Conn.—The Mid-estate Health Department has received a grant of Lyme disease prevention information including videos, handbooks, brochures, and a table display useful for fairs and meetings, which are available for public use free of charge. This "Lyme Disease County Education Kit" is courtesy of the Lyme Disease Foundation of Hartford, CT, in conjunction with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Together they hope to increase public awareness about preventing tick bites and the importance of early diagnosis and treatment of tick-borne disorders.

"Learning how to avoid and treat Lyme disease should be a top priority for parents, schools, camps, and just about everyone who enjoys spending time outdoors," said Bernardo Milhalco of the Mid-estate Health Department. "This free program provides a wealth of material for our community, made possible by the LDF and the Centers for Disease Control."

These educational materials are available on loan through your local health department at: 732-341-9700. Video and printed programs can be used by schools, businesses, camps, and civic groups. Instructions on organizing and conducting self-help groups for patients and their families is also included, as well as:

Lyme Disease: Facts for Kids—four programs, bilingual, open-captioned.

Lyme Disease What You Should Know—12-hour video program.

Lyme Disease Slide Show—with 20 slides and script.

Workplace Awareness & Prevention—video and implementation handbook.

Lyme Disease Self-Help—video, organizing handbooks, press releases, and member guide.

Video Public Service Announcements and scripts for use by local TV stations.

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1996 cases had the highest number of reported cases of Lyme disease since official records began being tracked in 1980. There are now over 102,000 cases of Lyme disease that have been officially reported by the CDC. There is increasing concern that the ticks that transmit Lyme disease also can transmit ehrlichiosis and babesiosis. And, other ticks can transmit additional disorders, such as Rocky Mountain spotted fever and tick paralysis.

The Lyme Disease Foundation is the first and foremost organization dedicated to finding solutions to tick-borne disorders. For information on Lyme disease, related state and federal activities, physician referrals, and the bimonthly newsletter LYMEIGHT, contact LDF, One Financial Plaza, Hartford, CT 06103, visit www.lyme.org or e-mail lyme@lyme.org, or call the LDF 24-Hour Hotline at 800-886-LYME.

Ethnic health for stronger communities

By Avery Grant

ASBURY PARK—Adults and children crowded into the classrooms and auditorium of Second Baptist Church, Asbury Park to have a health screening, hear lectures and eat a meal.

Better Health for Stronger Communities is a national initiative of the Delta Sigma Theta Society. This local event was co-sponsored by the Monmouth County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Society, Second Baptist Church, and Meridian Health System. "Our national society has a health agenda," said Mary S. Scott, society president. "Our Physical and Mental Health Committee has given the challenge to come up with a program that would make an impact on our community, and today's event is a part of that," she said.

Medical staff provided by Meridian Health System checked blood pressure and did cholesterol and diabetes testing for the attendees. Juan R. Marshall, Vice



Jersey Shore Medical Center Nurse Cathy Sugden, RN, checks Christie Hall, looking on are, from left, Erica Thomas, Phyllis Melendez, Jean Marshall, and Mary Scott.

President of Government and Community Relations, Meridian Health System, said, "Part of our hospital's mission is partnering with community groups to promote healthy living."

The lecture included healthy eating and cooking, reasons for black infant mortality, and mental and chemical

Eight percent of women recognize their no. 1 killer

NORTH BRUNSWICK—Although nearly twice as many women die from cardiovascular disease than from all forms of cancer, including breast cancer, only eight percent of U.S. women consider heart disease and stroke as their greatest health threats, according to a national survey by the American Heart Association.

"That women of all ages and ethnic backgrounds don't fear heart disease and stroke in the same way that they fear cancer is a major public health problem because it means that they may not be doing everything they can to prevent cardiovascular disease," said Nancy Redeker, Ph.D., RN, associate professor at the College of Nursing, Rutgers University, The State University of New Jersey and an American Heart Association board member.

The American Heart Association survey was conducted by Yankelovich Partners, and the survey pool was weighted by age and ethnicity to ensure accurate representation of the U.S. female population. The American Heart Association Take Wellness To Heart campaign will be partly funded by the Artura Foundation and Arma U.S. Healthcare to increase awareness of women's cardiovascular health issues. The campaign is also partly

funded by an unrestricted educational grant from Wyeth Ayerst Laboratories.

The following are some key findings or highlights from the survey. Only eight percent of U.S. women surveyed consider heart disease and stroke as their greatest health threats, even though nearly twice as many women die from these cardiovascular disease as from all forms of cancer.

Sixty-one percent of women consider cancer to be their greatest health threat compared to heart disease and one percent for stroke.

Only 31 percent of those surveyed named "heart disease and stroke" as the biggest killer of women compared to 50 percent who supposed a cancer. Among women 25 to 34 years—an age range when lifestyle changes could significantly reduce their risk of heart attack and stroke—only 17 percent named cardiovascular disease (including stroke) as the No. 1 killer, while 58 percent said it was cancer.

Although most women were able to identify some of the warning signs of heart attack, such as chest pain, shortness of breath, pain in the arm, and tightness in the chest, most women did not mention the warning signs that may be more common in women, such as nausea, fatigue, and dizziness.

Learn more about hepatitis risks

NEWARK—Nearly 150,000 New Jersey men and women are infected with the deadly hepatitis C virus, but most do not know it.

Most people don't find out they have hepatitis C until they go to donate blood or get a blood test. Therefore, it's important that if you're at risk for hepatitis C, you see your doctor for a blood test. Dr. Carol M. Levey, M.D., a hepatologist at the New Jersey Medical School, Robert Wood Johnson Hospital in Newark, and distinguished professor and director of the school's liver center, Dr. Levey is also the director of the national Sammy Davis Jr. Institute in Newark.

Chances at risk for hepatitis C include anyone who had a blood transfusion prior to 1990, health care professionals and emergency personnel, people who have had unprotected sex with multiple partners, and intravenous drug users.

depression. "We invited professionals of color," added Scott, "to tell us what we needed to do to be a healthier people and what resources are in the community to help us." She stressed that our community needs to know that they are not alone and that there is help available. They also like to reinforce the church as the focus of the community, and have a long standing relationship with Second Baptist Church.

Another major community initiative of the society is its Dr. Betty Shabazz Delta Academy, where they work with young girls ages ten to fourteen years old to introduce them to non-traditional careers for women. Scott said, "African American girls know about nurses and teachers, but we also want them to know that they can be doctors, engineers and can achieve any career goals." The academy meets in the Asbury Park Middle School on the first and third Thursday, from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Erica Thomas was the health program chairperson.

Combating stress

"While a small amount of stress in your life may increase productivity, too much stress is counter-productive and can make a person ineffective," says Dr. Linda Bips, director of the Counseling Center at Muhlenberg College in Allentown, PA.

"Stress has become the disease of the 1990s as the demands of work and family keep increasing," Bips notes. Today's single-parent homes, taxing job pressures and working mothers are pushing most of us to a level of stress that takes a heavy emotional, and often, physical toll on our bodies.

An awareness of symptoms is the first step to recovery, Bips suggests. Frequent forgetting, road rage, tick-the-dog attitudes, changes in regular eating patterns, muscle tension, heart palpitations, indigestion, and feeling out of control are just some of the examples of the negative impact of stress. Bips recommends the following solutions to curb stress's ugly symptoms.

Do Opposite Of What You Normally Do. Create a healthy balance in your life. If you work with people all day long, spend some quiet alone time watching TV or playing computer games. If you are at the desk by the computer all day long, talk on the phone with your friends.

Prioritize Your Life. And get rid of the bottom 50 percent of the things on your "to do" list.

Give Up Perfectionism. You can never please everybody. Recognize your capabilities and don't exceed your limitations.

Exercise. This does not necessarily mean spending two hours a day at the gym. A brisk walk around the block will clear your head.

Pleasure Yourself. Find out what makes you happy and do it.

Health tips for children's teeth

PARSIPPANY—It's an age-old question raised in nearly every American household at some time or other: "How do I help my children take better care of their teeth?"

"Delta Dental conducted a survey of people who were covered by a dental insurance for a 1-5 year period. It shows that children who develop good dental habits in their early years tend to carry them into adulthood—the decrease in decay rates continues through their later years," said Scott Navarro, D.D.S. and Vice President Professional Services. "On the flip side, children who neglect their teeth continue to do so and may develop serious dental problems as adults. That's why it's extremely important to reinforce strong dental care habits with children," continued Dr. Navarro.

The Toddler Years—Zero to Two Years

"With all of the responsibility of caring for a newborn child, many parents don't take the time to focus on dental care. Unfortunately, many times dental care and prevention are not reinforced," said Dr. Navarro. "Before teeth start coming in, parents should know what to do to help keep teeth clean and healthy."

With a healthy diet and high consumption of essential vitamins and minerals, good dental care begins before a child is even born. Mothers should make sure they get plenty of calcium during pregnancy, as well as vitamins A, D and C. This helps ensure the baby's teeth are forming properly even before they erupt.

One of the more serious forms of tooth decay among infants is "Nursing Bottle Mouth"—when pools of sugar-acid laden liquids form around the teeth while a baby sleeps or naps. If a child sleeps with a bottle in his/her mouth, this exposes tooth enamel to extended periods of damage.

"If parents want to put their child to bed with a bottle, they should use only water in the bottle," said Dr. Navarro. "Even fruit juices and milk can damage teeth over time. A pacifier is a good alternative to a bottle for a sleeping baby." Dental care for a "twelve baby" is easy and fast. Simply wipe the child's teeth and gums with a damp cloth or gauze pad to remove plaque.

The earlier children start going to the dentist, the earlier they learn to develop good hygiene habits. Some experts recommend bringing a child to the dentist at age two—other say three or four is a better age. Regardless, parents should stress the importance of dental care during the formative years, while the child is developing lifelong habits.

"Chewing on toys and thumb-sucking are common habits for any child, can pull the upper teeth outward over time, or lead to post dental development," Dr. Navarro said. "It's important that any activity that may damage teeth after age two."

Ongoing efforts to put fluoride in drinks, water, and toothpaste have a strong impact on the overall dental health of America's children, but regular brushing and flossing are essential weapons in the fight against tooth decay as children grow older. For children and adults alike, it is recommended to brush three times a day after every meal, and for parents to supervise younger children when doing so.

Generation Next—The Teenage Years

Some broken, bruised bodies and even broken bones are some of the health risks every parent is aware of when their children become teenagers. But most parents are not as aware of the dental health risks from sports, and surprisingly, sports drinks. More than 20 million kids are knocked out every year. Many of these tooth injuries are sports-related and most dentists agree most damage could have prevented those injuries.

Another potential danger to a child's dental health comes from an unlikely culprit: sport or energy drinks. Dental researchers have uncovered that many of these drinks have high acid and sugar content that could lead to tooth decay. In a study published by the British Journal of Sports Medicine, 1997, Dr. Alex Mikosic tested eight leading sports drinks and uncovered a high correlation between high levels of sport drink consumption and erosion of tooth enamel. To lessen enamel eroding effects of sports drinks, Dr. Mikosic suggests drinking the sports supplement diluted instead of pure, diluting the drink with water and using a straw to get the liquid past the teeth as quickly as possible.

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TRENTON—Laser Concerts Festival now in 3D at the New Jersey State Museum through the April 28th. For more info, call 609-292-6464.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

PERRYVILLE—Bernard Shale's comedy classic "Flamenco Comedy" will be held through June 27th at the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse which is located on Rt. 173 between exits 11 and 12 off Interstate 78. Reservations required. Call 1-800-447-7313.

UPPER MONTCLAIR—Book artists, a painter and a unique "cheerleading" group will appear at Montclair State University as part of the Art Forum Lecture Series in Calaca Hall's Fine Arts Auditorium from 3 to 4:50 p.m. and are free and open to the public. For more info, call 973-655-7294.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

SAYREVILLE—The Soft Parade, the ultimate Doors tribute band, will be appearing in concert at the Club Bene at 10 p.m., located on Rt. 35. For more info, call 732-727-3000.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

NEWARK—Sweet Home in the Rock: The Grammy Award winning alternate cappella quartet, returns to NJPCA's Presidential Hall at 8 p.m. For more info, call 1-888-466-5722.

NEW YORK—The Whitney Museum of American Art's new Permanent Collection galleries is now open to the public. More than 100 works will be displayed continuously on the fifth floor of the Museum. For more info, call 212-570-5833.

NEW YORK—The Essence and Pepsi Youth Awards will be held at Harlem School of the Arts from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more info, call 212-642-0000.

METUCHEN—A Kid's Forum will present the musical comedy, "Rapunzel" through May 30th on Saturdays mornings at 11 a.m. For more info, call 732-548-0582.

SAYREVILLE—Wellwoman and his six piece band, Sagittarius, will be performing in concert at the Club Bene at 8 p.m., located on Rt. 35. For more info, call 732-727-3000.

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

WATCHUNG—Four photography artists will exhibit a visual kaleidoscope of color and form which clarifies the relationship between photography and painting in the upstairs gallery of the Watchung Arts Center from 1 to 4 p.m. For more info, call 908-753-0190.

NEWARK—A jazz session featuring regional jazz musicians in an all-out, impromptu, spontaneous jam at the Commerce Food Court and La Boulangerie Bakery from 3 to 6 p.m. For more info, call 973-643-4300, ext. 235.

LONG ISLAND—A Spring Blues Festival starring B.B. King, Miles Jackson and Bobby "Blue" Bland will be held at the Westbury Golf Course 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. For more info, call 516-334-0800.

Rhythm Revue kisses the competition

By G.R. Mattox

A Newark station is ahead of the pack in delivering the treasure chest Rhythm and Blues and Soul music to listeners in the area. From 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., you can tune in to WBGO/88.3 FM and listen to host Felix Hernandez spin this untold foundation on the Rhythm Revue. He says the idea for the dances was a spontaneous thing remembered from his growing up in Philadelphia. "All of the DJ's there gave dance parties and each had their own following."

Hernandez hosted another in the series of Rhythm Revue dance parties at the Peppermint Lounge in Orange on the first night of Spring. He says the idea for the dances was a spontaneous thing remembered from his growing up in Philadelphia. "All of the DJ's there gave dance parties and each had their own following."

With most of these events taking place in New York, and many sold out before the date of the dance, his only regret is that he can't find a spot large enough in New Jersey to accommodate the crowd. He said, "I love working with the Peppermint and we have a great time—but we had to turn away 500 people the last time we were there."

The show is a party in itself. While you will hear those oldies but goodies, Hernandez frequently turns you curves that can make you spend Saturday morning houses leaning and just stand in the middle of the floor: the slow version of Jackie Wilson's "Lonely Teardrops," The Temptations' singing "The Way You Do The Things You Do" in Italian, a live recording of "Memphis Soul Stew." All through his super-heavy playlist, Hernandez's observations on the music doesn't just let you relive the magic, but better understand with your head what you feel with your heart.

"Classic Soul"—a term he first used—was listening along with his parents to



Rockin' the 'mint with no problem: Rhythm Revue's Felix Hernandez plays the music with the help of Ida "IdaGoodmorning" Stroud, at left, and, at right, Peppermint Entertainment Complex Sales and Banquet Manager, George Ross. The next dance party at the Peppermint will take place Friday, April 17.

an ethnic radio station that played some of everything. "At that time, we appreciated music for what it was," Hernandez says. "We didn't know black music from white music. Music was just music." He started as a disc jockey at college radio station, honing his format

in Chicago before causing the blip on the jazz/88.3 FM airwaves.

Non-commercial radio stations like WBGO owe their success to the subscribers. Newark resident Ida Stroud, known as "IdaGoodmorning," comes in every other Saturday to generally run



Hernandez at work at the WBGO studios

Felix Hernandez presents the Rhythm Revue is a three-CD set produced by TTY Records.

things while he runs the music. Like most volunteers, she thinks it's important to give something back. "Felix does such a wonderful job presenting this music, it's my pleasure to help him," she says.

Another of the show's by-products is the recently released three-CD box set that includes some of the show's most requested tracks. More information on both the dances and CD box set, as well as the show itself can be heard by telephoning this information line, or it can be found, in two places on the Internet. "Right now," Hernandez says, "The web sites are a promotional tool for the radio station, but I want to make it more than that."

After a night of rockin' the home-folks at the Peppermint, a sleep-deprived Felix Hernandez drags into the "BGO studio with his conscious mind still on the music. IdaGoodmorning gets coffee to him and fusses maternally. "Felix is playing this music half-asleep." Not missing a beat, he acknowledged his listeners by playing Jerry Butler's "Thanks To You" twice, throwing out the information and spinning musical goodies that prods you out of bed in the morning after the work-week is over.

Artz Briefs

Opening Night Joy!

There was plenty to smile about at the recent Opening Night celebration of "Crumbs from The Table of Joy" a play which is currently running at Crossroads Theatre in New Brunswick, NJ. This light-hearted memory play recounts the coming-of-age experiences of a young girl and her family as they move from the deep south to Brooklyn in the 1950s. On hand for opening night were: from left: Ricardo Khan, co-founder and artistic director of Crossroads Theatre Company, Shirley Jo Finney, the play's award-winning director, Lynn Nottage, the play's writer and Charlene Brown, Constituency Relations Director at AT&T corporate sponsor of this production.



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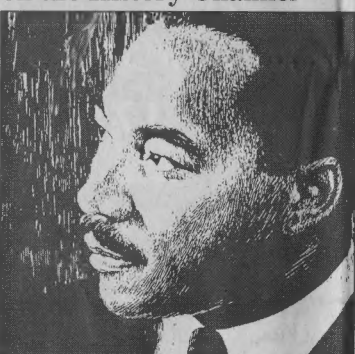
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Brian McKnight is such a cool guy. I met him last night at a private post-concert party at Bloom on 21st Street in Manhattan. I could tell like myself could never find an unfired word to say about the talented singer, who is performing at Newark Symphony Hall on Sunday, because he has a pleasant personality and he openly admits to being happily married with kids, unlike a couple of his peers. Don't miss Brian when he comes back to our neck of the woods for his summer tour!

Speaking of doing big things, Whitney Houston is making moves. And since Houston is a local, a fellow New Jerseyite, I think it's only fitting that we give her a little ink.

During an interview at a Manhattan hotel, the former model talked about stardom, upcoming projects and motherhood and it all came that seems to be keeping her in good spirits. The 33-year-old vivacious vocalist has been intermittently in the studio finishing up the last few original recordings for her greatest hits package that's scheduled to be released on J Records sometime next year and when she gets time to contemplate completing other projects, she's going to carve a big enough crevice in her



Whitney Houston

schedule so that recording a gospel album can become a reality.

Family means a lot to the diving mom and faithful wife, who still lives close to her own mother, gospel singer Cissy Houston and even though her hometown of Newark inspired the jacking film "New Jersey Drive,"

Houston says she can't think of a better place to grow up. "I love my hometown. It wasn't violent or rough and if it was, in certain parts, I didn't see it. All I saw was a community of people just trying to make it. It's filled with warm memories about spending time with loved ones. On Sundays the whole family would go to church and hear the word of God. "It was inspiring and when we got home from church you could still feel the love that we talked about earlier that day. God's messages are just that powerful," she said.

God's power seamlessly flows into her production company. As I write this column, she's working on turning Monique Jeter/Delfon's "how to get-a-man and hook 'em" book, *How To Marry A Black Man*, into a major motion picture. Where does she get this experience, you might wonder? "From acting in films I know what goes on, production-wise and that's a blessing in itself. When I get some time I'd like to read some of the screenplays that have sent me to my

grave.

Because of her remarkably busy schedule, the chocolate-lover doesn't go to church as often as she'd like, but she does spend time with her immediate family: husband, MCA,

recording artist Bobby Brown and daughter, Bobbi Kristina. Without them, success wouldn't mean diddy. Since success comes in many forms, I hypothesized the time she gives back to the community in which she was raised. Houston not only donates money when time won't permit to many national children's charities, but she has done several free performances for a good cause.

In 1989, she formed the Whitney Houston Foundation For Children, Inc., a non-profit organization geared towards protecting the country's most vulnerable assets. In recent years, the organization has provided homeless children with shelter and has aided children afflicted with cancer and AIDS.

"Motherhood has taught me so much. I can't even begin to tell you how much," she says shaking her head in disbelief as if she, herself, can't even count the many ways in which giving birth has made her a more selfless person.

Plus, I'm grateful to have a husband that is crazy about his daughter. We love kids and I don't want my baby to be an only child."

by Annette R. Hunter

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COMMISSIONER RICKS presents the following resolution

COMMISSIONER RICHMAN seconds the following resolution

RESOLUTION Notice of Annual Meeting

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Asbury Park, New Jersey, that the Annual Meeting of the Housing Authority of the City of Asbury Park shall be held April 13, 1998, at 6:00 p.m. at the Board of Commissioners Conference Room, in the Administrative Office, 1000 1/2 Third Avenue, Asbury Park, New Jersey. The Public Meeting will be opened at 6 p.m. If necessary, the Board will meet in Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. Thereafter, the Board will hold a Workshop Session. The public portion of the meeting will reconvene immediately following Workshop Session, and:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the purposes of the above Annual Meeting are: (1) for annual organization or reorganization of the Housing Authority of the City of Asbury Park; (2) to compile and disseminate a schedule of the Regular Meetings to be held by the Housing Authority of the City of Asbury Park during the upcoming Fiscal Year; and (3) to conduct such other business as may be necessary for the annual organization and reorganization of the Housing Authority of the City of Asbury Park; and:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution denominated "NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING", be posted on the bulletin board at the Asbury Park City Hall, Asbury Park, New Jersey, and that a copy of this resolution be filed with the City Clerk of the City of Asbury Park; and:

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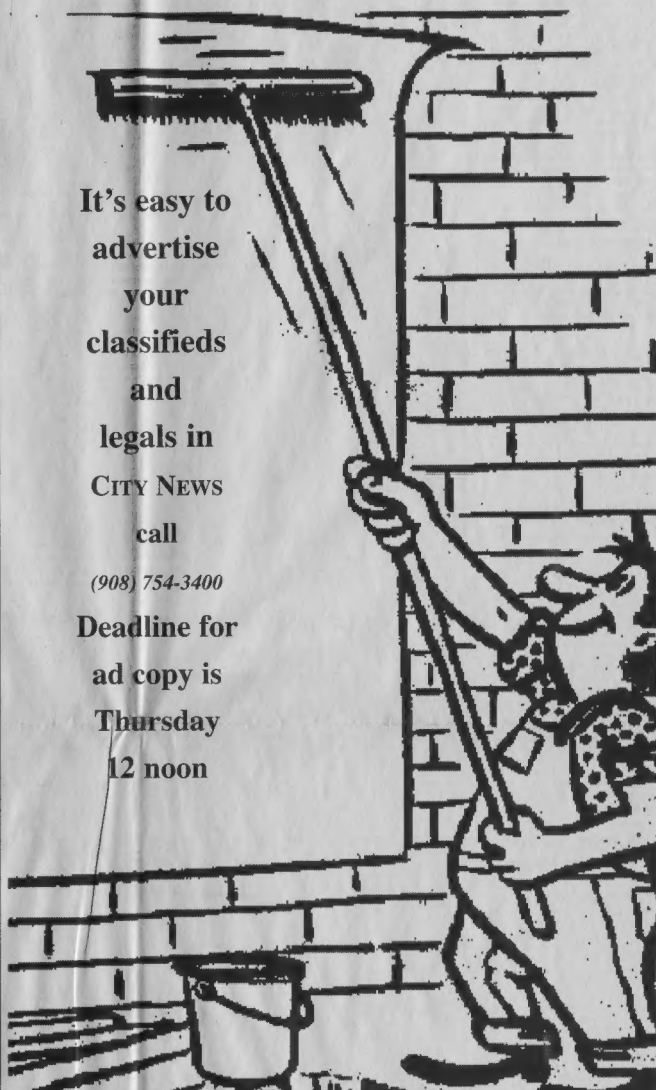
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Commissioner Ricks - yes
Commissioner Hughes - yes
Commissioner Lussini - absent
Commissioner McNeill - absent
Commissioner Pierre - yes
Commissioner Richman - yes
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Local Briefs

Rice bill would keep school playgrounds open later hours

TRENTON—Senator Ronald Rice has reintroduced a bill to encourage 11 urban school districts to keep elementary school playgrounds and other facilities open after regular school hours.

"Young people in urban environments need something other than street corners where they can go during their leisure time," said Senator Rice, D-Essex, whose bill, S-196, covers Asbury Park, Atlantic City, Camden, Elizabeth, Irvington, Jersey City, Newark, Passaic, Paterson, Plainfield and Trenton.

Senator Rice's bill, whose co-sponsors include Republicans and Democrats representing the 11 school districts, would let these districts create organized recreational and academic-enrichment programs for public-school pupils at elementary-school playgrounds, gymnasiums and other facilities that the schools own, maintain or manage.

24-hour bias reporting in Monmouth County

FREEHOLD—A hotline for reporting bias incidents throughout Monmouth County is functioning on a 24-hour basis, according to Raymond Rodriguez, chairperson of the Monmouth County Human Relations Commission.

Trained personnel staff the hotline from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, and an answering machine is available to receive after-hours and weekend calls.

The public is urged to use the hotline to report hate or bias incidents relating to age, race, ethnicity, religion, disability, sexual orientation, gender, national origin, or other factor. All reports are confidential.

The hotline number is 732-303-7666.

Whitman to Clinton: Stop relations with Cuba until Chesimard is returned.

TRENTON—Gov. Christie Whitman may send the attached letter to President Clinton urging him to make the return of Joanne Chesimard a necessary first condition to any further normalization of relations with Cuba.

Chesimard, who was convicted in the 1973 murder of New Jersey State Trooper Werner Frazier, escaped from state prison in 1975. Since 1984 she has been living freely in Cuba. Earlier this year she granted an exclusive interview to WNBC in New York, where she showcased her life in Cuba.

As a result of that interview, Gov. Whitman wrote to Attorney General Janet Reno asking for stepped-up involvement by the Justice department in the capture and return of Ms. Chesimard. The Governor has also posted a \$50,000 reward for Chesimard's return to New Jersey.

Women played in Negro League

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six innings. "I had a good fast ball but then I met Satchel Paige," Johnson said. "He said 'I am going to teach you the curve ball so you won't have to throw your arm out with that fast ball.'" She said the curve ball really gave her an edge over the batters, particularly because initially they thought that she was just a little girl. She said Paige was a quiet gentleman, as were most of the players. But if someone got out of hand, "You let them know that you was here to play ball, and the other gentlemen would straighten them out fast somehow," she chuckled.

Born in the South, she was raised in Long Branch and moved to Washington, D.C., where she met and played with men on semi-professional teams. She was 17-years-old when she and a girl friend went to tryout for the white women's All American Girls League, and they were rejected without a tryout. "It was a terrible thing because we knew we were good," Goodman remarked. Shortly afterward, she met Bud Fowler, owner of the Clowns' business manager, and he invited her to tryout with the Clowns and she was signed the next week.

Asked how she was able to play ball with the men, Peasants responded, "Women can do anything, they put their minds to it, and being a woman didn't stop me—that's for mediocres."

Asked what she thought of Tiger Woods, Goodman replied, "There are not words to describe this man, and I am so proud of him." Asked what advice would she give Tiger, she said, "Keep doing what you are doing, and keep being a gentleman, because there are many in sports that go the wrong way."

She said that they traveled by bus and sometimes played two or three games a day. She left baseball to raise her son, and became a private nurse. Now she travels around the country the country speaking.

On July 18, 1997, she was inducted into the Milwaukee County Stadium Negro Baseball Hall of Fame.

"One of the greatest stories that has not been told is that there were women who played in the Negro Baseball League," she said, "In most other sports, women have been given their respect, but not baseball and that story should be told to our children."

Charter Schools get funding from Pru

NEWARK—Representatives of New Jersey's newest charter schools, as well as schools which opened last Fall, attended a unique loan program orientation this evening, to hear an answer to their potential funding gap dilemma.

The Prudential Charter School Lending Program, a multi-million dollar loan program set up through Prudential, will enable the state's charter schools to apply for below market rate loans to support their start-up, early operations and facilities needs.

The Prudential Charter School Lending Program, the largest of its kind in the country, will make it possible for qualifying schools to receive financing at rates as low as 2.5 percent. These loans will give the schools an opportunity to lease space, purchase facilities through long-term facilities financing, hire staff and take care of other expenses they must incur before they open their doors and begin receiving state funds. The loan program will also allow the schools to demonstrate financial viability and establish a positive credit history, enabling them to attract additional sources of capital in the future.

"Prudential is a strong supporter of the charter school movement in New Jersey and the opportunities they are providing for our children to excel," said Gabriella Morris Coleman, president of the Prudential Foundation. "We believe our Charter School Lending Program fills a critical funding hurdle with short-term working capital for start-up and early operations' expenses and long-term facilities financing."

During the orientation, New Jersey charter school organizers also heard from Catherine Martens, president of Options Public Charter School in Washington, DC. Martens shared her insights and answered questions as one who's "been there" and has successfully tackled funding and start-up concerns.



Filiberto Soto and Ayda Phillips, both of the Robert Treat Academy Charter School in Newark, attended an orientation meeting on Prudential's Charter School Lending Program, which is the largest of its kind in the country. The enables the state's charter schools to apply for below-market rate loans to support their start up, early operation and facilities needs.

Newark's "Miss Renaissance Teen Pageant" coming to NJPAC

NEWARK—A recent press conference, at City Hall was the inaugural event in the "Miss Renaissance Teen Pageant" that will be held on June 21 at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center. Fifty-three young women, ages 15-18, will compete for the title.

Each contestant had to write an essay explaining why they sought to participate in the pageant. They also had to maintain a minimum "C" average in a public or private New Jersey school.

The members of the Municipal Council, Mayor Sharpe James and other elected officials will be on hand tonight as will representatives from the businesses and corporations that are serving as sponsors for the event. Among them will be:

Port Authority of NJ/NY, Clinton Milk Company, Edison Parking, Perry Funeral Home, Whigham Funeral Home, David's Bridal, Johnson Products, Elegant Eyes, Rupp's Florist, Setby's Florist, Broad National Bank, City National Bank, Continental Airlines, William S. Rich & Sons, Inc., and U.S. Senator Frank Lautenberg.

During the pageant the 53 contestants will represent each of the fifty states, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

"It is important that we recognize the achievements of the young people who are the heart, soul and future of this city. There are many who were not selected for the pageant but it is in the effort that they are all winners. The only failure is the failure to try. We should support these young people in any positive endeavor that they pursue," Branch said.

"These young women represent more than the city. They embody the hope of Newark," the councilman explained.



Central Ward Councilman George Branch congratulates Donnette Bacum, a student from West Side High School, who will be representing the state of Tennessee in the "Miss Renaissance Teen Pageant."

Diversity Week at Bloomfield College

BLOOMFIELD—Bloomfield College held its second annual Diversity Week celebration in late March with a series of special events including the award-winning documentary "Family Name." Filmmaker Macky Alston received the Freedom of Expression Award at the 1997 Sundance Film Festival for this film.

The public was invited to several workshops taking place during the celebration.

A commitment to diversity is at the heart of the College's mission to prepare students to function at the peak of their potential in a multicultural, multiracial society. Diversity Week will give the Bloomfield College community an opportunity to examine issues of diversity in their own digital lives. Linda C. Epps, Vice President for Student Affairs.



George DeGraffenreid, at right, was interviewed by filmmaker Macky Alston for the award-winning Documentary "Family Name" presented by Bloomfield College as part of its "Diversity Week."

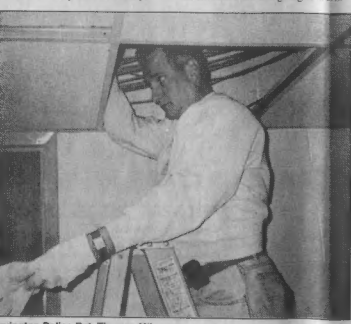
Hooking into the 'Net'

A volunteer work crew of 58 people, including Irvington Police Detective Thomas Milrose, in photo, joined forces on recently to link about 6000 feet of cable throughout the Irvington Public Library, enabling the facility to access the Internet.

Sponsored by the New Brunswick-based nonprofit organization, Partnership for New Jersey.

Irvington's library was the first one to be cabled in conjunction with the Partnership and is being viewed as a model for urban libraries throughout the state.

"Being first is a huge responsibility, but one that we're ready and willing to take on," said Mayor Sala B. Bost at the event, before donning a construction hat and going to work.



Irvington Police Det. Thomas Milrose

Chase awards \$333,000 to New Jersey organizations

NEW YORK—The Chase Manhattan Bank is awarding \$333,000 to 70 nonprofit organizations located in New Jersey as part of the bank's 1997 Competitive Grant Program. The dollars designated for the Competitive Grant Program are part of \$12.01.168 in total Chase grants directed to community-based organizations in New Jersey in 1997.

"The organizations we support have helped to create a more livable environment for others, often against overwhelming odds," said Carol Parry, executive vice president in charge of Chase's Community Development Group. "Chase's grant programs demonstrate the commitment the bank has made to organizations that address critical community issues with innovative and creative programs in the communities in which we live and do business."

Chase's Competitive Grant Program provides grants that generally range from \$1,000 to \$25,000 to community-based nonprofit organizations that provide services in the following areas: arts and culture; community revitalization; pre-collegiate education; and technical assistance. The grant recipients are determined by several factors including how well their program meets the focus area, how the money will be used, how many people will it reach, the quality of the proposal and the size and experience of the organization.

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The Monmouth County Fair Housing Board has been established by the Board of Chosen Freeholders to provide policy and guidance on compliance with State and Federal fair housing laws and regulations to protect the rights of all Monmouth County residents. The Fair Housing Office will provide the following services:

1. Coordination of a county-wide approach to ensure fair housing for residents.
2. Establishment of an intake and screening procedure for discrimination complaints. Services will include assistance and counselling on procedures for filing a complaint, help in completing the complaint form, and review and verification process.
3. Provide general information and assistance on housing problems, and when necessary refer clients to other agencies that are funded and staffed to handle a specific housing problem, including referral to the New Jersey Department of Civil Rights.
4. Education, training and technical assistance to individuals, groups, agencies and/or organizations.
5. Acquire and coordinate assistance of New Jersey Division of Civil Rights, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for verification of discrimination practices and negotiating settlement for fair housing problems.

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